

REMARKS

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 3, and 6 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 3 were rejected by the Examiner. Claim 6 was objected to as depending from a rejected independent claim, although Claim 6 would be allowable if amended to independent form with all of the limitations of Claim 1. Claim 1 was amended. Support for amendment is found throughout the specification and the drawings.

The amendment has been made to further clarify the motion of the actuator with respect to the frame to put the application in condition for allowance and/or to put the claims in better condition for appeal. No new search is required because the additional limitations and the new claim should have been encompassed by the previous search because the subject matter is similar to that to what has been reviewed by the Examiner in previous actions. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the teachings of U.S. Patent Number 6,154,201 to Levin ("Levin"). Amended claim 1 further clarifies the movement of the rotating motor, which forms an actuator, with respect to the frame. Specifically, the claim was amended to include a limitation that the rotating motor moves laterally with respect to the frame. In contrast, Levin does not disclose a rotating motor, or actuator, that moves laterally with respect to the frame. Instead, Levin discloses a knob (18) attached to a shaft (50) that moves within a switch (52) and is coupled to a rotatable end member (66), which is attached to the rotatable shaft (68) of the actuator (70). See FIG. 3A. Levin does not disclose any lateral movement of the actuator. In fact, Levin states that the actuator is rigidly coupled to the grounded member (74). See col. 9, ll. 57-59. While Levin discloses a knob with a shaft that is laterally movable within a switch and coupled to a rotatable shaft of an actuator, it does not disclose or suggest a rotating motor or an actuator that moves

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laterally with respect to a frame. Therefore, Levin cannot anticipate claims 1 and 3. Moreover, there is no suggestion to modify Levin to attain this structure. Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 102(b) rejection of claims 1 and 3 be withdrawn. Therefore, claims 1, 3, and 6 are allowable in their current form.

SUMMARY

Claims 1, 3, and 6 are patentable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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